

# Judicial Communications Office

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## DEATH OF HIS HONOUR JOHN CURRAN QC, LLB and OBE

The Lady Chief Justice's Office issued the following statement from the Lady Chief Justice on hearing of the death of retired Judge John Curran QC.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of retired County Court Judge His Honour John Curran QC.

John was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1960 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1974. He was appointed as a County Court Judge on 16 February 1981. He served on the County Court Bench for 24 years, retiring in 2005.

He held the office of Recorder of Londonderry from 1982 to 1985 and was then assigned to Craigavon. John was a very active member of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for many years, even after his retirement. He was also a Bencher of the Inn of Court in Northern Ireland. John was an enthusiastic member of the Pro Bono Lawyer's Choir and was well known for his passion for singing and drama.

His wife Antoinette, a former President of the Law Society, predeceased him in June 2017. John will be missed by his colleagues in the Judiciary and those who appeared before him over the years. He was held in high regard and is recognised for his contribution to the law over many years of service, his respect for all of those who appeared before him and his good humour. My sympathy and that of my colleagues is extended to his family."

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